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Mayor contests 'glass ceilings, sticky floors' during post gathering

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"Glass ceilings, glass walls, and sticky floors," served as the theme of Hampton Mayor Dr. Mamie Locke's keynote address during Fort Monroe's Women's Equality Day observance, Aug. 26 at the post theater.

Opening with a brief performance by gospel vocalist Bethany Thombly, a local 14-year-old who is about to release her first CD, the observance also included opening comments by post commander, Col. Perry D. Allmendinger.

"Women bring the same tools to the workplace as men — they have great minds, strength, vigor, organization and leadership skills," Allmendinger said. "The Army has known for a long time that women have ideas, abilities and talents that prove valuable to any employer. And, the Army has been the leader in providing opportunities in non-traditional fields."

Allmendinger went on to introduce Locke as "a woman who dares to dream of far-reaching goals; whose career is a work in progress — excelling, achieving and advancing still to a higher level."

"So what do we mean by glass ceilings, glass walls and sticky floors?" Locke posed to the audience. "Glass ceilings refer to a vertical segregation where few or no women are the higher management or team leadership; where there

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Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Soldier show ... Soldiers of the 233rd Military Police Detachment clap and sing in a show of motivation during Fort Monroe's post run Aug. 26. Troops from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry — here to assist the post with its force protection mission — also participated in the three-mile run. The post conducts the training monthly.

New youth annex, more rec programs among AFAP issues

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The probability of a \$680,000 youth annex, and the availability of adequate recreation facilities and programs on post, are among the issues addressed in a recent Army Family Action Plan report released by Fort Monroe's Directorate of Community and Family Activities.

The report is an offshoot of youth and adult AFAP conferences conducted in March and April. About 70 active and reserve soldiers, family members, civilian employees and retirees presented concerns about community quality of life issues

ranging from pricing policies for child care to improving sponsorship for newly arriving military members. Various agencies on post were assigned as "proponents" for the issues and the recently released report reflects the current status (after 90-days).

Creating additional recreation areas, and making better use of existing ones, are the most common topics discussed in the report. "The existing facilities on Fort Monroe (CAC and the Fitness Center) do not meet the current adult recreational needs (i.e. billiards, foosball, gymnasium, basketball, volley-

ball, etc.)," read one issue. "The CAC is primarily used by youth, which necessitates limited adult use due to child safety issues."

Among the recommendations AFAP conference members proposed were construction of an additional adult recreation facility, and a delay in the demolition of the temporary "bubble gym" across the street from the Post Exchange.

"It's presently believed that the gymnasium at the CAC can adequately serve the needs of the community," said Paul Heilman, DCFA director. "And, yes, there are some issues concerning adults using the

facility during hours when youth are using the facility, but I think those can be resolved with better scheduling."

Heilman also noted that the bubble gym remains scheduled for demolition "within the next few months." Fort Monroe was authorized to put up the temporary structure until an adequate permanent facility was available, which has been the case with the CAC's opening nearly five years ago.

Lt. Col. Craig L. Simoneau, post director of public works, also confirmed that demolition is imminent,

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God provides the opportunity for whimsy

Whimsical.

As an exercise in perspective, name the last time you used that word in a sentence. Uh-huh, exactly ... efficiency reports and fact sheets rarely provide the palette to use such colorful words as “whimsical,” “fanciful,” or “delightful.”

While we may not use the word, we can appreciate its value – the ability to laugh a little at something that is odd, different, or beyond the normal. Perhaps a little more whimsy in our lives would be helpful.

Returning from a trip to Disney World last week drove this point home succinctly. Spending two days in the Magic Kingdom surrounded by throngs of visitors, many of them hip-high or smaller, certainly challenges an adult's perspective on life.

From the opening program when the train arrives with Mickey and friends, and “pixie dust” catches a ride on the wind over the gathered thousands, there is an air of whimsy and fun. “Kids of all ages” enter a land of fanciful delight (see how

well that fits here?) where tiny little princesses dressed up in their finest costumes scramble to break-fast at Cinderella's Royal Table and 16-year-old girls wear their best Tigger ears and Tigger T-shirts to dine with Sir Bounce-a-Lot himself. It is, indeed, a magical world where whimsy rules and flights of fancy take you from the steaming hot pavement of an old theme park to an aerial tour of it on the back of a flying elephant with huge ears. In Walt's world, Mickey is shorter than you think, Goofy really is, well, goofy, and Stitch has a tendency to wipe his nose on your autograph book. It is whimsical, fanciful, and delightful – reality is suspended for a time and you begin to believe that a puppet can become a real boy.

Then you come home and you land – hard.

In dealing with the e-mails, suspenses, and briefings, you may wonder if there's really any room for “whimsy” in life.

The dictionary includes “fantas-

tic creation” as part of the definition of “whimsy.” In this, it validates God's design for us to appreciate the wonder of all he has done and to recognize his hand in both the great and small things of life. How much more whimsical can the Creator get than fashioning a walrus? (Okay – so he made that person in the cubicle next to you ...)

Even in the midst of suffering, God provides a touch of whimsy to remind us that an eternal perspective is more valuable than our shortsighted earthly perspective. What else could explain the whimsy of a 16-year-old hospital patient named Julia dancing with her IV pole to entertain the 7-year-olds who were also battling cancer alongside her? God's idea of whimsy is to provide exceptional, laughter-provoking courage in the midst of paralyzing fear.

Use the word “whimsical” in a sentence next week. Write it down on a sticky note and post it to your computer – the word itself will cause you to smile.



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Reese
Post Chaplain

When you smile, remember that it is God himself who provides the opportunity for you to see the possibilities He has in store for you; it is God himself who invites you to dream whimsical dreams, to be filled with laughter and to shout with joy. It is the Lord who has given life to his fantastic creation and in whom we can rejoice (Psalm 126).

Study adds new perspective on why soldiers fight

A study released in July adds new perspective to the age-old question of why soldiers fight.

Dr. Leonard Wong, associate research professor at the U.S. Army War College's Strategic Studies Institute said the paper, “Why They Fight: Combat Motivation in the Iraq,” validated the popular belief that unit cohesion is a key issue in motivating soldiers to fight. But, the paper also produced some “surprising information on soldiers' patriotism.”

Originally, the question rose from Samuel Stouffer's “The American Soldier” study released

in 1949 chronicled the World War II soldier's attitudes about facing battle.

Combat infantrymen returning from the war most often said they kept fighting to “get the war over so that they could go home. The second most common response and the primary combat motivation, however, referred to the strong group ties that developed during combat,” Stouffer reported.

Stouffer's conclusions supported historian S. L. A. Marshall's “Men Against Fire” released in 1942.

“I hold it to be of the simplest truths of war that the thing which enables an infantry soldier to keep going with his weapons is the near presence or the presumed presence of a comrade ... He is sustained by his fellows primarily and by his weapons secondarily.”

Another noted research paper by Edward A. Shils and Morris Janowitz surprisingly showed similar results among Germany's Wehrmacht soldiers who fought on, even as Berlin fell.

Since these papers, the desire of “not letting your buddy down” has been the conventional wisdom as to why soldiers fight.

“Recent studies have questioned this traditional wisdom,” Wong said.

Shortly after major combat operations ended in Iraq May 1, Wong and a team of researchers from the War College headed to Iraq to find out

firsthand if the traditional wisdom remains valid.

The team went to the battlefield for the interviews because they wanted to speak with the soldiers while events were still fresh in their minds.

The team asked the soldiers the same question Stouffer asked soldiers in his 1949 study — “Generally, in your combat experience, what was most important to you in making you want to keep going and do as well as you did.”

American soldiers in Iraq responded similarly to their ancestors about wanting to return home, but the most frequent response given for combat motivation was “fighting for my buddies,” Wong's report said.

The report uncovered two roles for social cohesion in combat.

One role is that each soldier is responsible for group success and protecting the unit from harm. As one soldier put it, “That person means more to you than anybody. You will die if he dies. That is why I think that we protect each other in any situation. I know that if he dies, and it was my fault, it would be worse than death to me.”

The other role is it provides the confidence and assurance that someone is watching their back. In one infantryman's words, “You have got to trust them more than your mother, your

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Letter to editor

Post employee thanks people for their kindness, prayers

My family from Germany and here would like to thank everyone for their kindness, thoughts and prayers at the time of my son, Thomas Mueller's sickness and passing. Thank you so much,

ANNELIESE PENN
FM CLUB BAR MANAGER



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Barracks questions dominate Town Hall meeting

A town hall meeting was held at the Community Activities Center Aug. 19. Col. Perry Allmendinger, post commander, was the host for the event, and representatives from post directorates participated.

The following questions and answers were discussed at the meeting.

DPW/L (Directorate of Public Works/Logistics answers questions pertaining to Building 87 (Barracks):

Building 87 was recently renovated, and there was no hot water from July 15 - Aug. 1. What created this problem?

A circulator coupling was broken. It has been repaired.

When will locks be installed on mailboxes?

Locks had to be reordered because the locks delivered did not fit. The contractor has researched other manufacturers and has tested

installed, in addition to the built-in refrigerators in the nine rooms requested. We are locating additional larger refrigerators for the other nine rooms affected.

There are not enough washers and dryers. What can be done to increase them?

The additional washers and dryers were installed Aug. 26. The delay was due to running out of funds on the original furniture request. The installation provided the additional funding necessary to cover the washers and dryers. The machines were procured locally, and because they were commercial-quality machines, delivery took several weeks.

There is only one kitchen available for soldiers. Is there additional space available to expand usage?

When the dayroom is completed, there will be a kitchen located in

lem. We are exploring options to see how this can be resolved. Right now, we have to go and reset the breakers each time the generator tests itself. This is not the long-term solution, but we will find one.

The dayroom walls are painted pink. Is it possible to change the color?

The dayroom has been repainted a neutral color.

There are leaks in the third floor ceiling. What can be done to correct the problem?

The construction rep has been in contact with the room occupant, and the problems within the room are solved. The problem in the hallway is being caused by the 100 percent fresh air intake in the laundry rooms, which is hot and humid air that is condensing on the cooler conditioned air in the hallway. DPW is working on a solution now to alleviate that problem.

Is it possible to install additional snack and soda machines in Building 87?

Yes. AAFES will supply juice, ice cream, pizza, snack and sandwich machines to the barracks. A site survey was conducted Aug. 20 to decide where to put the machines.

PMO (Provost Marshal Office) answers:

Is Ingalls Road going to be closed to incoming traffic?

We are developing a new traffic pattern for weekends due to force protection commitments and commercial/event/recreational traffic whose vehicles do not have decals. McNair Road will remain open for all traffic, DoD/visitors, and we are considering closing Ingalls Road on weekends. We will send out information (date and times) pertaining to the change.

PMO (Provost Marshal Office) and DPTSEC (Directorate of Plans, Training Mobilization and Security) answers:

If Fort Monroe is evacuated due to hurricane, where will the families be sent?

Due to its geographic location, Fort Monroe is subject to severe weather such as high winds, hurricanes, tornadoes, etc. In the event of a severe weather situation or other contingencies (terrorist attack, etc.), Fort Monroe may have to evacuate its personnel and families out of harm's way. Fort Lee, as the nearest inland military facility, has been designated as the relocation point. Fort Monroe has a Memorandum of Understanding with Fort Lee, and they are prepared to accept residents and their



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Browning, post CSM, (right), discusses barracks' issues with Sgt. Eric Pertee at the Town Hall meeting.



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Sierra Evans, 3, selects a ticket for a door prize from Sgt. 1st Class Myron Lewis, provost sergeant, during the post Town Hall meeting Aug. 19 at the Community Activities Center.

a new type of lock. The locks should arrive in approximately two weeks.

What is the status of cable TV?

We have contracted with COX Cable to complete the cable connections to their service lines. Cox indicated that it would take about four weeks to accomplish the work. We have asked them to expedite and are waiting for a response. We will keep the building occupants informed on the progress of this work.

Rooms are equipped with mini refrigerators that are shared by two people. Are larger refrigerators available?

Larger refrigerators were

the former dining room area. We were able to provide a larger dayroom in the former dining facility area, due to its closure. This dayroom will now permit installation of the pool table, large screen TV, dart board and kitchen. The old dayroom area did not have adequate space for these.

The elevator is not working consistently. When will the problem be fixed?

The elevator problem is caused when the building generator runs its self-test. There is a blip in the power when the generator goes on which then necessitates the breakers to the elevator to be reset. Since the generator runs this test on a monthly basis, this is a prob-

families at a moment's notice.

Temporary shelter for Fort Monroe, until an evacuation is ordered to Fort Lee, is the Chapel Center. Evacuees will proceed to Fort Lee or a motel or other facility at least 90 to 150 miles inland at their own expense, or they can be picked up in the housing area by buses and taken to the designated shelter. No pets are allowed in the shelters.

DCFA (Directorate Community Family Activities) answers:

The women's sauna in the fitness center is on a timer and takes a long time to warm up. Is it possible to ensure the sauna remains heated?

The fitness center has not received any complaints about the men's sauna due to frequent usage. The sauna is used most of the day. The women's sauna is not used as much, causing the timer to shut off more often.

Female staff have been turning the timer on several times during the day, or a customer turns the timer on, works out, then comes back to the sauna after a workout.

If there are members who use the sauna apart from working out, they can call the fitness center, and personnel there will ensure that the timer has been turned on in advance.

The timer cannot be disconnected due to the one-year warranty, and also, keeping it running without the timer is a safety issue.

Is the Post Theater going to reopen?

No, it will not reopen. It is not cost effective for AAFES.

Comments from people attending meeting:

□ A community member thanked the military police for great customer service at the MP desk and the front gate.

□ The Fort Monroe Club's "Fridays at the Fort" program was praised for providing entertainment for youth and parents.

3X14 Freedom Stores

News clips

Employee town hall meeting — Sept. 12

An employee town hall meeting is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Post Theater, Sept. 12.

Agenda will include updates on activities and events occurring in post organizations and an overview of the Fort Monroe Strategic Plan for FY03 to FY10.

Labor Day closure

The following Fort Monroe facilities will be closed on Sept. 1 in honor of Labor Day: main PX; military clothing sales; shoppette; barber shop; cleaners; alterations; and gift shop.

Blood drive news

At the American Red Cross bloodmobile held in July, the following donors reached milestones:

One-gallon donors were Frank Anthony and Dorothy A. Phillips; and seven-gallon donor was Marilyn Burney.

The next bloodmobile is set for Sept. 10 at the Community Activities Center. For more information, call 788-4623.

Thumper’s will be closed on Sundays

Starting Aug. 31, Thumper’s on the Bay restaurant will be closed on Sundays. Thumper’s provides eat-in or take-out breakfast on Sat-

urdays from 7 to 11 a.m., and lunch Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is located on the second floor of the Marina, McNair Road, in Building 207. For more information, call 788-4680.

Fort Monroe Thrift Shop reopens Sept. 9

The Fort Monroe Thrift Shop will open Sept. 9 after a month of cleaning and sorting. The shop is being restocked with new TSP (thrift shop property) and red tag items. There are also new consignments.

Consignments are accepted Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fall and winter clothing items may be consigned. No spring or summer items can be accepted. Please call before bringing any large items to be sure there is room.

There is always a need for volunteers. Any age or gender is welcome. Volunteers help keep the shop open and operating. Monies generated go toward scholarships and welfare activities pertaining to Fort Monroe.

Business hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. The shop is located next to the Fort Monroe Credit Union. It is open to the public for sales, but only authorized ID card holders can consign items. For info call 788-2566.

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father, or girlfriend, or your wife, or anybody. It becomes almost like your guardian angel.”

Once soldiers are convinced their personal safety will be assured by others, they are empowered to do their job without worry, the study stated. It noted that soldiers understood totally entrusting their safety could be viewed as irrational. One soldier shared his parents’ reaction — “My whole family thinks that I am a nut. They think, ‘How can you put your life in someone’s hands like that? ... You are still going to be shot.’”

Despite the occasional skepticism of outsiders, the report concluded, soldiers greatly valued being free of the distracting concerns of personnel safety.

While Wong’s study showed Stouffer’s concept on the value of soldier cohesion remains valid, it had a different view of patriotism’s value.

Stouffer argued that ideology, patriotism, or fighting for the cause were not major factors in combat motivation.

“Surprisingly, many soldiers in Iraq were motivated by patriotic ideals,” Wong said.

Liberating the people and bringing freedom were common themes in describing combat motivation, the report stated.

Wong credits today’s volunteer Army having “more politically savvy” soldiers as the reason for the change. He said today’s more educated soldiers have a better understanding of the overall mission and provide a “truly professional army.”

“While the U.S. Army certainly has the best equipment and training,” the report said. “A human dimension is often overlooked ... its soldiers also have an unmatched level of trust.

“They trust each other because of the close interpersonal bonds between soldiers. They trust their leaders because their leaders have competently trained their units. And, they trust the Army because, since the end of the draft, the Army has had to attract its members rather than conscripting them.”

Wong said the trust his report shows is high, but warns, “Time tests trust.”

He said uncertainty can unravel trust and today’s environment of open-ended deployments and talks of downsizing could reduce the trust if not carefully managed. (By Beau Whittington; courtesy Army News Service)

(Editor’s note: a copy of the report can be found on the institute’s website at www.carlisle.army.mil/ssi/.)

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and plans for the site are already being discussed. “There’s a good chance that structure will come down by the end of the year,” he said. “We want to combine the project with others coming up, which will save us money in the long run.”

Additional space for youth activities was also addressed twice in the report. One issue focused on the “displacement” of middle and high school youths when various community functions occupy the gym or game room. Another called for more space in general for those two age groups.

“Once again, better scheduling is the immediate fix for both issues,” Heilman said. “But we’re also looking ahead to the construction of a Youth Center Annex which is to be built right out behind the CAC.”

The 4,000-square-foot, \$680,000 facility is the “number one priority” on Fort Monroe’s Strategic Plan and Unfinanced Requirements list, according to Heilman. It’s “anybody’s guess” whether the money for the construction will become available with the new fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, he said.

Among the features of the new annex are two large activity rooms and a youth-activities-approved kitchen, explained Beth Sigler, youth services director. A breezeway will connect the new facility to the CAC and “keep kids out of the elements,” she said.

“The most important thing I’d like to stress is this (the annex) is not a gym as many people appear to think,” Sigler said. “It’s going to provide the additional space we need to meet youth service standards set by the Army.”

Facets of the existing CAC, like an inadequate kitchen for required meal preparation and activity

rooms that are too small to accommodate many programs, have kept Monroe youth activities from receiving a “green” rating from Army MWR. “By Army standards, we also must maintain separate programs for high school and middle school-aged kids, but we haven’t had the space, especially when the summer camps from grades 1 through 5 are going on, so we’ve had to limit the time those groups could use the building” Sigler said.

With the start of the new school year, Sigler said they will continue using some “creative scheduling” to juggle separate middle and high school computer lab needs as well as fitness programs and youth sports. “The middle school kids are our largest population at present, so we’ll have to plan accordingly,” Sigler said. “And we have to have balance. We can’t offer more for one age group over another. Hopefully, everyone in the community will understand and help us to make it work.”

Another related issue in the AFAP report addressed the lack of events for younger ages on a community-wide scale. Outdoor summer film festivals and using the post theater for entertainment programs that “attract youth of middle and high school age” were among the recommendations made by AFAP participants.

“The recommendation to increase youth events ... will be given to the youth councils to develop and investigate,” read the resolution to the issue. “The opportunity for youth to

develop this entrepreneurial idea with adult staff feedback and support will be one of the first orders of business when the youth councils resume in the fall.”

Any member of Fort Monroe’s Community Youth Services can join the youth councils, according to Susan Searles, CYS coordinator. The Torch Club is comprised of middle-school-aged students and the Keystone Club is comprised of high-school-aged teens.

In addition to youth and adult recreation programs and facilities, the AFAP report also addressed Fort Monroe’s sponsorship program. “Soldiers at all ranks are not receiving quality sponsors before and after arriving at new duty stations,” read the issue. “The current sponsorship program is not consistently implemented Army wide.”

An Aug. 21 sponsorship training session for all NCOs on post is one step Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Browning, post CSM, has taken to remedy the situation. “Our soldiers were certified to teach their own soldiers to be effective sponsors,” Browning said of the training. “We carefully explained the process and the requirements before and after the soldier’s arrival.”

Browning said he is also going to require a “sponsorship pool” to be formed at the unit level. Sponsors will be assigned in a CSM letter to assist the gaining soldier.

“My perspective on sponsorship is simple,” Browning said. “I look at it from the standpoint of our

junior soldiers who are arriving at an assignment for the first time. I can’t put into words the anxiety those soldiers are experiencing.

“I recall my first assignment in Germany,” he continued. “I didn’t speak the language, had never been outside the USA, and I had no idea what to expect. Once I stepped foot in my unit, the first sergeant had a sponsor standing by, and he had all the answers. To this day, we’re still in touch 28 years later.”

Of the remaining issues addressed in the report, four had to be deferred to DoD level as they were beyond the scope of installation control. The DoD pricing policy for childcare, for instance, is established from guidelines set by the IRS and cannot be changed. Increasing the clothing allowance also requires DoD and Congressional approval. It was listed as “unattainable” in May 2001, and can’t be reconsidered until 2004.

Inconsistent physician qualification standards within the Army medical system were also addressed in the report. That matter was forwarded for inclusion in the November 2003 DA AFAP conference.

“I think what all this says to me is that the AFAP process is extremely valuable to the military community as a whole,” Heilman said of the overall report and its current findings.

“As customer service providers, we need to know what the community’s wants and needs are, and how we can improve their quality of life in general,” he continued. “No, we may not have all the answers they want to hear, but this gives us that chance to keep our eyes and ears open for new things. It’s not, ‘oh, no it’s AFAP time again.’ It’s a breath of fresh air.”

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Photo by Patrick Buffett

A token for Taylor ... *In his capacity as dean of foreign liaison officers at Headquarters TRADOC, Col. Geoff Silk of the British army presents a \$750 donation here Aug. 28 to Alyce Thorstad, left, and Jean Lawrence, the grandmothers of Taylor Adkins, a local 9-year-old who is battling a brain tumor. “The LOs decided in Spring 2003 to do more for the local community both at Fort Monroe and the Hampton area as a way of repaying the support and assistance that we, as foreigners, have received from our American hosts,” Silk said. They heard of Taylor’s plight from a liaison officer’s wife, whose child also attended Gloria Dei Lutheran School where Taylor is a student. The money was donated by the community during an “international reception,” hosted by the 16 foreign liaison officers on post. The \$750 will certainly benefit the Adkins family. Taylor’s medical costs average \$4,600 a month.*

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remains a strong ol' boys network.

“Glass walls refer to occupational segregation,” Locke continued. “Where women are segregated into certain occupations. Sticky floors refer to the inability of women to have career movement beyond the initial entry job.”

Locke, who is also the dean of Hampton University’s School of Liberal Arts and Education, made note of several “enlightening” statistics concerning women in the workplace. Even though they comprise 52 percent of the adult population, barely three percent of the senior leadership in Fortune 500 companies are women. “A woman with an MBA among the top 20 business schools earns on an average 12 percent less in her first year of work than her male classmates,” she said.

Male employees earn an average of \$20,000 more a year than women with similar qualifica-

tions, experience and position, Locke noted, adding that the gap is widening at management levels in the private sector.

“Our society has undergone a massive change,” Locke said, paying homage to what has been accomplished since the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified in 1920, and the “glass ceiling act” — Title VII of the Civil Rights Act — was passed in 1964.

“Women are now found in large numbers in professional schools and in the professions, and, to a much lesser degree, in executive suites and legislatures,” she said. “They work in a host of technical and blue collar jobs once closed to them. ... Since women’s admission to West Point in 1976, and other military academies, the percentage of women in the military has increased from 1.6 percent in 1972 to approximately 15 percent today.

“We’ve achieved a lot, but we have a lot more to do,” Locke said. “We must remain vigilant in the quest for equal opportunity and equal rights because there are those who would have those rights taken. We must ensure that, with this year, this decade, and this (administration), we witness the elimination of glass ceilings, glass walls and sticky floors for women.

“More succinctly put ... we ain’t what we outta be, we ain’t what we gonna be, we ain’t what we wanna be, but thank God we ain’t what we was.”

Other highlights of Locke’s speech included an overview of the women’s rights movement, which “began over a sip of tea” on a Sunday afternoon in 1848. She also made note of how long it took for each state, particularly those in the south, to ratify the 19th Amendment once it was passed.

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Soldiers use program funding to aid Iraqis’ return to normalcy

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SOUTHERN IRAQ, Aug. 26, 2003 - Helping Iraqis re-establish normalcy in cities that have survived two wars in 12 years isn’t something that happens overnight.

Col. Lawrence Larsen, commander of the Army Reserve’s 171st Area Support Group here, says he is beginning to see gradual improvements in the town of An Nasiryah.

Improvements such as restoring electrical power for six hours a day have helped the entire city, Larsen said. A water treatment plant and sewage system, both on Larsen’s wish list, would cost millions of dollars that are not immediately available. But making smaller, yet meaningful, improvements has become easier, thanks to the generosity of U.S. service members, their communities back home and the Commander’s Emergency Response Program.

Larsen and other commanders can now request up to \$50,000 per project that would help stabilize Iraq through the program.

“We go through a grant-writing type of process where we identify the projects we could work on, the impact that these projects would have on the community, and cost,” said Larsen, a reservist who in civilian life is a college biology pro-



Army Dr. (Lt. Col.) Peter Weina, assigned to the 804th Medical Brigade in Tallil, Iraq, examines a girl’s eyes at an orphanage in An Nasiriyah. The 171st Area Support Group sponsors three orphanages in the town.

fessor in North Carolina.

Larsen is using the program to help three orphanages in An Nasiryah. The Army Reserve’s 402nd Civil Affairs Battalion sponsored orphanages for boys and girls ages 6 to 16, and another for younger children and babies, in April. Before most of the civil affairs team left the area, Command Sgt. Maj. Bob Szakal of the 171st ASG took up the sponsorship for his unit.

“When the 402nd Civil Affairs asked for someone to take up (sponsorship of) the orphanages, I raised my hand,” he said. “It’s something that really tugs at my heart-strings.”

Szakal, a Vietnam combat veteran, collected money from soldiers and bought stoves, refrigerators, fans, televisions and bed frames, all on the local economy. During his first visits to the orphanages, he brought a doctor to provide medical

help and engineers to assess facility improvement projects. The engineers’ appraisals for structural repairs will be submitted through the Emergency Response Program.

Szakal also wrote to family, friends and co-workers at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in Salisbury, N.C., where he is a dean in civilian life, as well as to members of his church.

“People back home want to donate clothes and food,” he said. “They really want to help.” Szakal said he would like to see cupboards in the orphanages’ kitchens, which lack shelves and storage space. Soldiers bought kitchen chairs and tables.

The frustrations and hardships of everyday life in An Nasiryah — a town where the Marines encountered some of the fiercest fighting during the initial combat of Operation Iraqi Freedom — have affected the ASG’s support program for the orphanages. Donated food was stolen from an outside storage room. Soldiers have since put bars on the windows and a lock on the door. Fans were installed to keep the room as cool as possible in 140-degree heat.

The Americans have helped, said the director of the orphanages, who gave her name simply as Amira. Szakal has been very good for the

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Build, strengthen your foundation of military knowledge

BY PATRICIA RADCLIFFE
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

Army Family Team Building is a dynamic program geared toward providing military-related information and life skills. Team building classes are open to adult military family members and DoD civilians.

A few of the topics covered by the four levels of courses include benefits, education, protocol, problem solving and stress management.

Upcoming classes are: “Did You Hear What I Think I Said?” (Sept. 10); “Got Challenges? Learn to take CONTROL!” (Sept. 17) and “Don’t Worry ... Be Happy!” (Sept. 24). Classes are held in the Soldier and Family Support Center, 290-A Fenwick Road, Building 36 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

College credit (at the graduate and undergraduate levels) and evaluation report points are given at a university’s or individual command’s discretion, respectively.

For more information, contact the Family Support Center at 788-3878.



(l-r) Marie Hinton, Caroline Peabody and Brigitta Haggins participate in an AFTB instructor class July 29.

Army One Source gives around the clock human touch

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (Army News Service, Aug. 27) — Now you get questions answered about the Army 24 hours a day — from a human, not a computer-generated voice.

It’s reality, and it’s called Army One Source.

It’s a 24/7 toll free telephone number for information and referral service for soldiers, deployed civilians and their families, said Carla Cary, Family Advocacy Program specialist at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

The service was activated Aug. 15. It is fully operational for Army installations and U.S. Army Reserve components worldwide. From the United States callers can dial (800) 464-8107.

From outside the United States, dial the appropriate access code to reach a U.S. number and then (800) 464-81077 — all 11 digits must be dialed. Hearing-impaired callers should use (800) 364-9188, and Spanish speakers can dial (888) 732-9020.

“There is no phone tree, no menu. The phones are answered by people,” Cary said. “The overseas toll free number has an extra digit that identifies it as toll free. From countries where toll free calls are not available, customers will be able to call collect.”

The source is staffed by consultants who hold

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children, she said. The 171st ASG has supported the orphanages for the past month, and even though significant progress has been made through initial purchases and a request for Emergency Response Program funds, Szakal said he would like to provide more. “Right now I see a lot of trying,” he said. “Our biggest success is letting them know that somebody cares. We want people to know that we are here to help and not fight. In a way, seeing the children smile helps me explain why I’m here.”

(Staff Sgt. Ward Gros is assigned to the 171st Area Support Group in southern Iraq.)

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Golden Knights jumping to build relationships with branch managers

BY SPC. BILL PUTNAM

ORANGE, Va. (Army News Service, Aug. 26, 2003) — The Army’s Golden Knights aren’t fighting the War on Terrorism.

But they do have a fight on their hands. “We understand there’s a war on,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Deveault, the Golden Knights’ sergeant major. “But we have our own war — it’s called recruiting.”

Members of the Army’s parachute demonstration unit flew from Fort Bragg, N.C., for a week of tandem jumps with soldiers and civilians that work at Personnel Command and the Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison.

The Knights normally have about 30 soldiers try out for the team annually, Deveault said. This year that number was 11 and four of them were National Guard or Army Reserve soldiers, he said.



Photo by Bill Putnam

Sgt. 1st Class Lisa Glover, enlisted reclassification manager at PERSCOM recounts her first jump.

With the current deployment tempo around the world — especially of the Army’s Airborne and Special Forces units — that’s understandable, he said.

But a lot of the guys on the team are near the end of their tour at the Knights and their own branch managers are asking for them back, Deveault said. The normal tour on the Knights is three years and extensions are possible, he said.

To help keep the veterans and bring replacements for those that are leaving, the Knights wanted to show people what they do best 230 days, and in front of almost 12 million people, per year — jump out of airplanes, he said.

“Nothing beats this,” said Master Sgt. Billy Van Soelen, a nine-year veteran of the team, after a jump. “It’s pretty cool when at night, especially when you do a stadium jump. The lights are unreal.”

The Knights normally do tandem jumps for media or dignitaries, once or twice a year, said Cpl. Mike Scott, a member of the Knights.

Scott has been jumping on his own since 1993 and completed 5,000 jumps before enlisting in the Army in 2000. Since joining the Knights after parachute rigger school, he’s completed another 2,000 jumps.

The Knights wanted to build relationships with the Army’s career branch managers, and the day of their jumps will be a day seven members of PERSCOM will never forget.

Before the jump the seven new jumpers made jokes about their upcoming experience. Only a couple had been through airborne school at Fort Benning, Ga. One of them was Lt. Col. Darrell Todd, who works at PERSCOM’s Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff Operations.

The parachutes the Knights use are different than the regular chutes the Army uses, so the experience of opening the Knights’ ‘chute is totally different, he said.

“You really feel it in your shoulders,” he said. “It feels like a jolt.”

But no one expected to jump from almost 14,000 feet.

A collective gasp went through the group when Staff Sgt. Bryan Schnell, a member of the Knights, briefed them before they suited up.

The descent would last about four minutes, with the free fall lasting one minute and three more once the canopy opened, Schnell said.

The rate of descent would be about 120 miles per hour, said Schnell. A drag ‘chute would be deployed after they left the aircraft. Without that, the rate of descent would be about 190 miles per hour.

Jumping from that height was a little daunting for the group, though. Most everyone joked around with more than a hint of nervousness before the first four jumpers boarded the DHC-6 Twin Otter plane.

The plane then took off into the clear sky and

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Photos by Patrick Buffett



Connor Barrett, a Fort Monroe family member and a “huge country music fan,” enjoys the Aug. 16 concert with family friend, Janina Silk.



Decked out in the “showbizified” Army t-shirt provided by Accessions Command here, Sara Evans performs one of her many chart-topping country hits during the Aug. 16 concert at Walker Airfield on post. Evans’ high-energy performance included selections from her latest album, “Sara Evans Restless,” which hit store shelves the week after the concert.



Above: Aaron Lines belts out a variety of country tunes — to include selections from his first album, “Aaron Lines, Living Out Loud,” released in January — during the Aug. 16 concert. It was Lines’ second trip to the Tidewater area. Last year, he said he performed here with Brooks & Dunn. Right: Sara Evans points toward an exuberant fan during her 90-minute performance.



Staff Sgt. Vicky Teigue, U.S. Army Accessions Command, clowns around with Ronald McDonald prior to the start of the Aug. 16 concert. McDonald’s Tidewater Association, one of several generous sponsors, presented a \$15,000 check to the USO during the event.

Lines, Evans draw fans from far, near

BY PATRICK BUFFETT
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

Getting the best seat in the “house” — front row, center — took a bit of patience and a sizeable road-trip, but Jon Allen from Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, said it was definitely worth it.

Describing himself as “one of Sara Evans’ biggest fans,” Allen parked himself in a portable camping chair in front of the outdoor stage at Walker Airfield here Aug. 16, and waited more than four hours for Fort Monroe’s free concert featuring Aaron Lines and Evans to begin.

“This is perfect,” he said, not only describing his vantage point but also the Fort Monroe location chosen for the concert. “This is a beautiful post, and I think it’s really a nice thing to offer this for free.”

Allen Weidman and his friend Christina Fleshman, both from Virginia Beach, wholeheartedly agreed. Showing up about 15 minutes behind Allen, they too claimed a front-row spot. “We’re big country music fans in general,” Weidman said. “I know this is going to be a great show.”

With an enthusiastic thumb’s up, Weidman used just one word to

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Photo by Patrick Buffett

Robert “Duke” Osborne poses in front of his now-closed Chamberlin Barber Shop across from Continental Park.

Octogenarian experiences history one haircut at a time

BY PATRICK BUFFETT
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

“Going to miss you guys,” reads a small, sun-faded paper sign that remains plastered in the window of the now-closed Chamberlin Barber Shop on post.

Short and simple, the heartfelt message holds quite a bit more meaning than casual passers-by may think. It was written by a man who has spent better than half his life watching Fort Monroe history unfold outside his shop window. And among the “guys” Robert “Duke” Osborne is going to miss are some of the highest-ranking officers and NCOs on the installation.

“I’ve cut hair for a whole lot of folks over a lot of years,” said Osborne, who will be celebrating his 82nd birthday in another couple of weeks. “And a lot of my customers were the generals and bird colonels, you know. So, you could say I know a thing or two about the post’s history.”

Osborne’s trip down Monroe’s memory lane began March 31, 1951 when he opened his first barbershop in the basement of Building 5 inside the moat. A well-kept black and white photograph – carefully preserved in one of Osborne’s many scrapbooks – depicting the old shop resulted in a wry smile of reminiscence beneath his closely trimmed beard and moustache.

“There’s the fan we always had to put up in the window,” he said a bit dreamily. It was almost as though he’d like to find a way into the photograph and start all over again. “It was the only ventilation we had, and it could get pretty stuffy down there.”

Becoming a barber wasn’t exactly Osborne’s life ambition, he readily admitted. He was a World War II vet who had seen action in Italy and Africa. A bout of Malta fever – a highly infectious disease caused by bacteria in poorly prepared food – brought him back to a stateside hospital in 1945. The woes of war had also affected him psychologically.

“I think everyone who came out of Europe at that time had the same kind of problem,” Osborne said. “You go through Anzio, Macino, and a bunch of places in between and you get loused up physically and mentally.”

Ultimately, Osborne found himself under the care of “head shrinkers,” as he called them, at a VA hospital here in the Tidewater area. As part of his recovery, he said they encouraged him to learn a profession that would bring in a steady paycheck.

“I first told them I wanted to be an undertaker,” Osborne said, noting that in the small, coastal town of Milwaukie, Oregon where he grew up, it was the mortician who had the two Packards, the biggest house, whose son had the best horse and the ball, bat and football. “He only worked a couple times a month, he dressed real nice, and everybody knew him – it was almost like he was a governor. And I said, damn, that’s my kind of life after the mud and

crap I went through.

“Then they went and told me it would take six years of college and another four years as an apprentice. I just didn’t want to do all that.”

A subsequent opportunity to attend an 18-month barber’s course in nearby Richmond was a bit more appealing, and the legacy of Duke the Barber was born.

“We started off charging 50 cents a cut,” Osborne said, flipping a page of his scrapbook to reveal an 8 X 10 photograph of Lt. Col. Richard D. Green of the Continental Army Command.

“At that time, all the colonels and generals wanted to look like a senator, congressman or a banker, you couldn’t skin ‘em. Well, we had about 600 EM (enlisted men) and they could get their haircut the way they wanted it because all the officers were

Osborne’s book had suddenly become a “who’s who” reference for past post, U.S. Army Continental Army Command, and TRADOC commanders and senior leaders.

wearing long hair.”

Other glimpses of history flash by as Osborne continues to leaf through the pages. One of the photos depicts Fort Monroe’s front entrance looking a lot like it does today except for the cement island in the middle of the intersection where military policemen controlled traffic without the benefit of the stoplight that’s there now. Several 1951-vintage automobiles make their way in and out. The large brick “Welcome to Fort Monroe sign” has yet to be erected.

Another photo shows a cement pier that used to exist at the end of the street between Continental Park and the Chamberlin. “They tore the pier down in ‘57 after offering it to the city of Hampton for \$1,” Osborne said.

“I had begged Gen. Powell, who was a commander here at the time, to sell it to me because it had this restaurant up front and this second building with an apartment over the top,” he continued, pointing at a very plain black building dead center on the pier. “Gen. Mark Clark’s daughter used to lease the apartment, and we always had boats, and even submarines, pulling up there to dock during an open house. Anyway, it would have been a great spot for a business, but they turned me down and it was demolished.”

That was also about the same time the post started building the seawall, Osborne recalled.
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U.S. Army Photo

An early 1950’s photo from Robert “Duke” Osborne’s scrapbook depicts the main entrance to post looking somewhat the same as it does today.

Sports & Health

Judo instructor brings grandfatherly touch to Monroe

BY PATRICIA RADCLIFFE
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

A man, six-feet-tall with shaven head, massive hands and a fu-man-chu reminiscent of ancient times, can be intimidating.

Despite a powerful impression, Grand Master E. R. Spruiell, has a group of students at Fort Monroe Youth Activities who love him. And why not ... he adores them and tries to inspire them to be their best.

Spruiell teaches them an art, the name of which is translated the “gentle way.” It is the dynamic art of judo.

Unlike most martial artists, Spruiell traces his judo roots to his African and Native American heritages. At about 5 years old, when roughhousing with his cousins, he would often wind up on the losing end. That is, until his paternal grandfather intervened.

“My grandfather caught me by the ear and led me behind the barn. There [on the ground] he drew out some steps for me to follow. They were like stairs. And, he taught me to walk them,” he said. Right leg over left and left over the right, Spruiell moved in a perfectly balanced, zig-zaggy fashion that resembled dancing more than fighting. He did not realize it as a child, but he was being taught the basics of judo.

Day by day, his grandfather, who Spruiell described as “a quiet, peaceful man,” took time to teach him more moves. After his paternal grandfather’s passing, Spruiell’s mother would take him to the Cherokee/Ponee reservation near Roanoke Rapids, N.C. to spend summers with her father, Grandfather Hawkins.

Grandfather Hawkins was Cherokee and showed him fighting moves that were like those Spruiell’s paternal grandfather had taught him. These were evident in Native American dances. “You always move forward, you never walk backwards. Have you ever seen an Indian dance backwards? The moves in [a war] dance are like the moves in judo.” He later concluded similarities in the fighting styles were not coincidental.

While Spruiell was in the Marine Corps, a judo instructor challenged him to attempt what Spruiell refers to as “just” some wrestling moves. Seeing his talent for the sport, the instructor invited him to begin judo training. “I excelled in it,” Spruiell said very matter-of-factly. He became a Navy, Marine Corps and all-service



Photos by Patricia Radcliffe

Left photo — Grand Master E. R. Spruiell instructs a student in class July 29. Right photo — Jasmine Smallwood, (right), and Traiveon Williams demonstrate one of the many Judo moves they’ve learned from Grand Master Spruiell during a July 29 class at CAC.

champion. It was through that and subsequent training that he deduced: “all the arts are one. Whether they are African, Indian, Korean, Chinese, or Japanese; they all have one central origin.”

Some in the martial arts field believe that judo originated in ancient Africa and spread throughout the world. Others trace the beginnings of judo to more recent history by documents recorded in 19th century Japan. Still, his belief in the centrality of judo’s origin has given him respect for different people and cultures, which transcends the physical aspects of the sport. That, along with discipline and leadership skills, is what he passes along to his students.

Ten-year old Jasmine Smallwood, who has studied with Spruiell for two years, said judo classes have taught her “discipline, respect and honor.” “Honor,” she said confidently, “means doing what elders say.”

Traiveon Williams, also 10, exemplifies discipline and self-assurance in his stance and composure. He has studied judo since November 2002. “It helps me focus and keeps me on track with what I’m learning [in school],” he said. His science grade has risen from a D to a B, which he attributes to discipline gained from Spruiell’s judo instruction.

A sensai – judo instructor – for 40 years, Spruiell often targets “at risk” kids. “I take the hard cases. Send them to me, and I’ll teach them discipline,” he said with the strong compassion of a father. He has taught judo to his five children and 6 grandchildren. He also operates a dojo – judo school – in Norfolk, Va. where he and eight other sensais teach.

Spruiell holds a 5th degree black belt in judo and a 10th degree black belt in ju-jitsu. In 1999, he was inducted into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame in Pittsburgh, Pa. – an honor conferred upon Spruiell by his peers. Although obviously delighted by his accomplishments, his focus is always on the kids. “They are our future,” he said. That is why he teaches.

On post, Spruiell currently teaches children from age 5 to 18, but hopes to hold classes for soldiers in the future.

Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. in Building 221. Family members can take classes on post at a monthly rate of \$50 for the first, \$40 for the second and \$35 for the third immediate family member. Extended family members (i.e., cousins, uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews) are not included in the price break.

For more information, call Youth Services at 788-3957 or Grand Master Spruiell at 858-1631 or e-mail at sasori@pinn.net.

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Sports Shorts

Fitlinxx Challenge

The Fort Monroe Fitness Center will be sponsoring a Fitlinxx Challenge competition during September.

The top 50 highest point scorers will be eligible for a raffle for MWR gift certificates. Participants begin Sept. 1 with zero points. Competition will end Sept. 30.

Points are awarded as follows:
Weightlifting — 1 point per 100 lbs. lifted
Overall exercises performed — 10 points for each
Cardiovascular — 5 points per each cardiovascular minute

Fitness Center staff are available for initial orientation and follow-up assistance. For more information, call 788-3090.

76ers head to Norfolk

Hampton Roads' native Allen

Iverson and the Philadelphia 76ers will play the New Orleans Hornets Oct. 20 at the Constant Center in Norfolk at 7 p.m.

Tickets are now on-sale at the Constant Center Box Office and at all Ticketmaster Outlets. Tickets range from \$20 to \$50, and there is a four-ticket-limit per person. For more information, call 683-6542.

Golf tourney in Las Vegas

The Veterans Invitational 3-day scramble golf tournament will be held Sept. 8 to 12 in Las Vegas. Veterans from all branches are welcome to participate in the event.

Entry fees are as follows:
\$555 — one golfer
\$970 — two golfers sharing a room
\$648 — one golfer/one non-golfer sharing a room

Fees are all inclusive. Participants will be staying at the Boulder

Station Hotel Casino.

To enter the tournament, call (866) 465-3834. For more information, visit: waltersgolf.com.

Bike tour in Virginia Beach

Tour Virginia Beach by bike beginning at midnight Sept. 19 at the Virginia Marine Science Museum. (Rain date is Sept. 20.)

Midnight Rider will cover a 16-mile route on paved and lighted bike trails. The family bike ride is not a race, and will benefit the Neptune Festival and the Virginia Legends Walk.

Cost is \$10 per individual, or \$20 for families. All riders will receive a T-shirt and water bottle to commemorate the event. Training wheels are not allowed, but baby seats and bike trailers are okay. Riders 17 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

A free bicycle safety check will be

provided, and is required, prior to the start of the race. All riders must wear helmets and have working lights. One of the sponsors will provide helmets and lights to those who do not have them, but participants who do not return the items must pay \$25 and \$15 respectively. For information, call 463-4500.

Few spots for Army 10-miler

Fewer than 5,000 spots remain for the 19th Annual Army Ten-Miler scheduled for Oct. 5 in Washington D.C.

Runners must register online — www.armytenmiler.com — by Sept. 5. Cost is \$25, plus the online processing fee. A kid's fun run is also planned. Registration is \$8, plus the online processing fee.

The race begins and ends at the Pentagon, just across the Potomac River from the nation's capital.

Area Walks/Runs

☐ **Sept. 6 - Vietnam Veterans of America Run for the Homeless.**
Place: Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk Botanical Garden.
Start time: Registration begins at 7 a.m. Race begins at 8:30 a.m.
Awards: Top three male and female finishers. Top three finishers in 10 age groupings.
Registration: \$12 per participant

pre-registered by Sept. 1; \$15 afterward.
T-Shirts: Guaranteed for first 100 paid participants.
Phone: Joann Harkins at 467-9367 or Nancy Montgomery at 481-6513.
☐ **Sept. 13 - Heritage Humane Society 5K Run.**
Place: D.J. Montague Elementary School, Williamsburg, Va.

Start time: One mile fun run/walk, 8:30 a.m., 5K run/walk, 9 a.m.
Awards: Top three male and female finishers. Top three finishers in 5 age groupings.
Registration: \$15 per participant pre-registered by Sept. 5; \$18 afterward.
T-Shirts: Guaranteed for all pre-registered participants.

Phone: Rick Platt at 229-7375 or Keri Gore at 564-8872.
☐ **Sept. 14 - Tom Bashara Memorial Scholarship 5K Run/Walk.**
Place: Baker Hall Visitor Center, Norfolk Botanical Garden.
Start time: Walk, 4 p.m., Run, 5 p.m
Phone: Jim Dare at 622-8882 or R.P. Kale at 421-2602.

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□ **Basket Weaving** — Sept. 4, 6 to 10 p.m. —

Each participant will weave a prairie basket. Cost is \$30, which includes all supplies. This class fills up quickly and pre-registration is required. For more information, call 788-2728.

Around Post

Friday's at the Fort

Join Fort Monroe for "Friday's at the Fort," from 5 to 9 p.m.

□ **Aug. 29** — DJ Cliff Rock; sponsored by the Fort Monroe Club. For more information, call 788-5656.

Have an old library card?

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month. Stop by the Fort Monroe Library, Bldg. 7 to register. All you need to register is an ID card. The library no longer issues cards, but if you have one of the old blue cards bring it in for a prize. Names of those with the old cards will be registered to win a prize. For more information call 788-2909.

PWOC fall meeting Sept. 2

Join the Protestant Woman of the Chapel for their program meeting, "Come to the Living Water: Come on, Dive Right In!" Sept. 2 at 9:15 a.m. Fall Bible studies will be announced and upcoming events, such as the Fall Focus, will be discussed.

The speaker for this meeting will be Chaplain Reese. PWOC board members will provide a picnic lunch, and beach attire is definitely encouraged. Childcare will be available. For more information, call 788-2611.

TRADOC Tattoo Sept. 21

U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command will host the eighth annual TRADOC Military Tattoo — "A Call to Freedom" — on Sept. 21 at the Hampton Coliseum with performances at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. In addition to TRADOC's own U.S. Continental Army Band, the Tattoo will feature performances by the 82nd Airborne Division Band; the U.S. Marine Corps Band from Quantico; the U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Dixie Players; the U.S. Air Force Drill Team; The Band of the Royal Regiment of Canada; the 48th Highlanders Pipes and Drums; the Reel Thing Irish Dancers; the Williamsburg Fifes and Drums; and the U.S. Coast Guard Color Guard.

The Tattoo is free and open to the public, but attendees must have a ticket. Tickets may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to The U.S. Continental Army Band; ATTN: Tattoo Tickets; 10 Bernard Rd.; Fort Monroe, Va. 23651. Tickets can also be obtained on-line at: www.tradoc.army.mil/band; or from The U.S. Continental Army Band on Fort Monroe between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday to Friday; or at the Hampton Coliseum box office between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday to Friday.

For more information, call 788-3265.

CFC kickoff — Sept. 4

Campaign chairmen Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes and C. Michael Petters invite you to join the Combined Federal Campaign of the Virginia Peninsula and the 2003 United Way Campaign and Day of Caring, in constructing a "Freedom Garden" honoring local military members at Newport News Park (Jefferson Avenue and Fort

Eustis Blvd.) Sept. 4.

Volunteers will construct the garden beginning at 8 a.m., and are asked to return for a complementary picnic and garden dedication at 4 p.m., with music provided by The U.S. Continental Army Band.

For more information, or to R.S.V.P. for the event, call Thelma Askew at 873-9328, ext. 10, before Aug. 29.

Civil War-era music making — Sept. 3

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Monroe will meet Sept. 3 at 11:30 a.m. at Sam's Seafood Restaurant in Phoebus. Stanley Chappell, guest speaker, will discuss and demonstrate "Music Making in the Civil War Era." For more information, call David J. Johnson at 788-3935.

Military Police Ball — Sept. 12

The 62nd Military Police Anniversary Ball for the Tidewater Area will be held on Sept. 12 at the Omni Hotel in Newport News. Social hour is from 6 to 7 p.m. and the evening's events will follow. Current, former or retired Army MP members are invited to attend. For more information, call 788-2050.

CCC upcoming events

Join the Casemate Community Connection for the following events:

□ **Annual Welcome and Patriotic Sign-up** — Sept. 11, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — CCC will be observing a moment of silence at the Community Activities Center in memory of the tragic events of two years ago.

All members of the Fort Monroe community are welcome to attend, including: active duty members (all ranks and services), retired military, DoD civilians, foreign nation liaison officers and spouses.

For more information, contact Erin Jury at 722-0005.

□ **Fall Bazaar** — Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — CCC is currently looking for vendors to participate in this event, including those who sell crafts, jewelry, baskets, furniture and holiday items.

All profits from the bazaar, which will be held at the CAC, will go into the CCC Welfare Fund to help support scholarships and community services and organizations.

Table space is \$60 for an 8'x10' area with an electrical outlet, if needed.

Please contact Marie Hinton at 788-4344 or 833-6167 for more information and to apply for table space.

The event is free and open to the public.

Find more information on CCC at: www.monroeccc.com.

Out and About

Book sale in Hampton

The Friends of the Hampton Public Library will hold a used book sale at the Main Library (4207 Victoria Boulevard) on Sept. 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sept. 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. Hardback and



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Summer fun — *Aug. 26 was one of the last days 9-year-old Devin Turner would bowl as an Xtreme Summer Camp participant before heading back to school. The Xtreme Summer program runs from June to the end of August and provides activities for middle and high-school students.*

paperback books will be available.

A preview sale for members of the Friends of the Hampton Public Library will be held Sept. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. New members are welcome to join at the door. Memberships begin at \$10.

All proceeds benefit the library. For more information, call 727-1154.

Purple Heart chapter picnic

The local Adams-Williams Chapter 607 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) will hold its annual picnic at noon on Sept. 6, at the Senior Center of York County, 5314 George Washington Highway, Grafton (Washington Square Shopping Center). Combat-wounded veterans and their family members are welcome.

For more information, call 723-6502, access www.purpleheart.org online or e-mail Morphch607nnva@aol.com.

At the Movies

**Showing at the
Langley Air Force Base Theater:**

Friday, August 29

7 p.m. — Bad Boys II (R)

Saturday, August 30

2 p.m. — Pokemon Heroes (G)

7 p.m. — Bad Boys II (R)

Friday, September 5

**7 p.m. — Lara Croft Tomb Raider:
The Cradle of Life (PG-13)**

Saturday, August 23

**7 p.m. — Pirates of the Caribbean
(PG-13)**

All movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Adults — \$2; Children 6 - 12 years old — \$1.50; and Children under 6 — free.

(If a child under 6 occupies a seat at a G-rated movie, admission is \$1.50.)

** Special movie showings are available.**

*Contact John Low at 766-1237; or
LowJ@aafes.com for details.*

Bay Days Sept. 5, 6 and 7

Hampton's 21st annual Bay Days will be held Sept. 5 to 7.

The weekend's lineup includes country and western singer Darryl Worley on Sept. 6 at 8 p.m. Worley will play on the Eaton Street Stage.

Other musical events include:
Sept. 5 — The Pat McGee Band, 8 p.m., Eaton Street Stage.

Sept. 6 — The Barkays, 8 p.m., Heritage Stage at the Virginia Air and Space Center; Fighting Gravity, 8:30 p.m., Mill Point Stage.

The weekend festival will also feature arts and crafts, a carnival, a car show and an indoor art show. There will be a firework display on Saturday at 9:45 p.m. For more information, call 727-1641.

Joint services EFMP

Families, EFMP coordinators, medical staff, personnel and professionals working in the field of special needs, will join Sept. 23-24 for the 9th Annual Joint Services Exceptional Family Member/Special Needs Awareness Forum. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn what is new with the EFMP and techniques families and professionals/organizations use to maximize potential for long-term success.

For more information or to register, call 878-3638 or e-mail shepardc@eustis.army.mil.

Cooking at Endview

On Sept. 6 and 7, Endview Plantation (362 Yorktown Road, Newport News) will host the living history program "What's Cooking at Endview Plantation." Visitors will enjoy 19th century outdoor cooking

at its best — favorite camp dishes, recipes and cooking techniques used during the Civil War.

The event is included with regular admission. (\$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children ages 7 to 18.) Hours for the event are Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sept. 7 from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 887-1862.

'Peninsula READS' volunteer tutors needed

Peninsula READS — an organization which strives to provide adult education, literacy and services to build a community where everyone can read — is seeking volunteer tutors to help adult learners improve basic reading and writing skills, and to provide survival English skills to foreign-born adults.

Orientation for interested volunteers will be held at the Peninsula READS office in Hampton (2021 Cunningham Drive, Suite 100) on Sept. 11. Those interested are asked to come to one of the following meetings: morning session — 10 a.m. to noon; or evening session — 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call 838-5300, or visit: peninsulareads.org.

Air show at Oceana

Country music artist Lee Ann Womack will perform a free concert Sept. 4 at the Naval Air Station Oceana Main Gate Park at 8 p.m. It kicks off the 2003 NAS Oceana Regional Air Show, which will be held Sept. 5 to 7 at Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach.

The air show, "Celebrating Freedom and a Century of Flight," is the largest on the east coast, and will

include performances by the Blue Angels, the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team and many more. Highlights of the weekend include a "Twilight Show" Friday, and 100 aircraft on display the entire weekend.

Parking and admission to the weekend's events are free, and reserved seating is available.

For more information, call 427-3580 or visit: www.oceanaairshow.com.

Poetry Series

The Williamsburg Regional Library and the Poetry Society of Virginia will hold a Saturday poetry reading series. Readings will be provided by accomplished local poets and held the first Saturday of

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the month, September to June, from 11 a.m. to noon.

The first reading will be held Sept. 6 in the Patricia Schell Memorial Meeting Room at the Williamsburg Library (515 Scotland Street). The poets featured are: Joanne Kennedy, Mary Haines and Xennia.

The public is invited and admission is free. For further information, contact the library at (757) 259-4070 or www.wrl.org.

Homeschool group

The Military Homeschool Support Group will be meeting in Yorktown at the Naval Weapons Station's Chapel Annex on Sept. 4 at 6:45 p.m. Those interested in attending or who would like more information should call 234-0373.

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master's degrees in social work or psychology and who can talk about a variety of subjects such as parenting, TRICARE, child care, relocation, finances, legal, elder care, education and everyday household issues.

Stateside active-duty and demobilized National Guard and Reserve soldiers, deployed civilians and their families can also arrange for up to six face-to-face private counseling sessions with licensed clinical social workers who know the military environment.

Cary pointed out that "while (the service) won't answer questions about Army administrative and personnel issues, they will direct callers to the right place to get help with pay problems and career questions."

The contractor operating the service will collect information about local family programs and morale, welfare and recreation from one point of contact in the installation Army Community Service program so callers will receive information about programs geographically closest to them.

"This is a supplement to our

existing family programs, not a replacement for any programs," explained Cary. "It's also to broaden our service delivery."

The service is also available to the immediate family of single soldiers.

"(The) staff knows the Army and they know who's eligible to use Army services and receive benefits," said Cary. "If a parent calls and they are not eligible to use Army programs, the consultants have information about what's available in the civilian community."

The staff will provide bilingual and multicultural personnel capable of communicating in Spanish, Korean and German.

"The Army recognizes that deployments are tough on everyone and that homecoming is potentially the most difficult phase of deployment," Cary said. "It's very important for soldier and family morale to have immediate access to information about Army programs and services.

(Editor's note: Information taken from a U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center news release.)

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those left behind waited. It took about five minutes for the plane to reach the jump altitude. Then, before anyone knew it, two chutes opened up, with others following every eight seconds or so.

A Knight wearing a helmet with a video and still-camera also jumped to record the experience for the first-time jumper.

Using special, competition-grade parachutes, the tandem teams could steer and land anywhere they wanted on the Drop Zone. The 'chutes made tight turns to the left and right after they opened up at 4,500 feet. The air was so still on the DZ that yelling from the teams could be heard from that height.

Some of the teams skidded in on their feet, and a couple skidded in on their behinds. There was a lot of laughing after everyone landed. Most of them said were happy they jumped, but happier they jumped from such a high altitude.

A normal tactical jump in the Army is made at 1,200 feet, Todd said. So jumping from 10 times that height was unreal, he added.

"This beats jumping tactically any day," Todd said. "It's like night and day."

The force of descent was so fast that impressions were visible from the wind goggles around everyone's eyes. Their faces were also a little wind burned.

Perhaps Sgt. 1st Class Lisa Glover, the branch manager for enlisted reclassification at PERSCOM, best summed up the experience. The first-time jumper kept saying, "That was amazing" after she landed with Van Soelen. "That was amazing."

Each of the jumpers had a chance for two jumps that day. Predictably enough, only three took the Knights upon the offer.

The flight up to the drop off was a little looser than the first. Everyone joked around about looking forward to the rush of leaving an airplane at nearly 14,000 feet.

"The second time around was much better", said Maj. Daniel Davis, who works with Todd at PERSCOM, "because you knew what to expect."

For more information about the Golden Knights' season, visit their website at www.armygoldenknight.com or contact Golden Knights media relations at (910) 396-7423.

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describe the concert's cost and location, "Great!"

By 7 p.m., when Lines was scheduled to perform, another several hundred fans — that's best guess as no official count was taken — poured in behind Weidman and Allen. Among them was Staff Sgt. Libby James, a drill sergeant stationed at nearby Fort Eustis. His wife, Deljean, was the "bigger country music fan." Daughters Katy, 1, and Delilah, 3, attentively watched the goings-on from their stroller.

"I think this area already offers a lot to soldiers, and this is just one more thing that makes it great," James said. "I've heard her (Evans) perform before, and she does a great show. It's going to be an enjoyable evening for everyone."

Maj. Jeff Morrison of Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, was also in the audience. He described Fort Monroe and the concert venue as "a nice little setup," and said he really appreciated the efforts of the USO and Fort Monroe's MWR Special Events that brought "great entertainment to military members and their families."

Finally, Allen and Weidmann's

four-hour wait was over. Nikki Landry and a couple of her fellow disc jockeys from country radio station Eagle 97.3 came out to pump up the audience and introduce Col. Perry D. Allmendinger, post commander. He thanked the event's many "generous" sponsors and helped accept a \$15,000 donation to the USO from McDonald's Tidewater Association, and then welcomed Lines to the stage.

Belting out a variety of country tunes, to include selections from his debut album "Aaron Lines, Living Out Loud" released in January, Lines easily demonstrated why he holds the distinction of being the second-highest nominated artist for the 2003 Canadian Country Music Association Awards (Shania Twain received the most nominations).

Lines had many audience members singing or clapping along as he offered up his #4 Billboard hit "You Can't Hide Beautiful" and classic country favorite "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down." Other audience favorites included "Living Out Loud" and "Turn It Up," also from his debut album.

Evans followed suit with several



Accompanied by backup musician Bethany Dick, Sara Evans performs one of her many hits during the Aug. 16 concert on post.

selections from her latest album "Sara Evans, Restless," which was scheduled for release Aug. 19. Audience members were also enamored by "Born to Fly," the title track and a #1 Billboard hit, from her last album released in 2000. "I Could Not Ask For More" from the same album and a #2 Billboard hit, kept audience members on their feet.

Demonstrating the vocal range that's made her famous, Evans also performed the 1981 Stevie

Nicks/Tom Petty hit "Stop Draggin' My Heart Around" and the 1980 REO Speedwagon hit "Take It On the Run."

Labeling the concert as "another huge success" — the Kellie Coffey/Tracy Byrd performance July 4 also drew a large, enthusiastic crowd — the post commander said he's looking forward to continuing the concert series and there's a possibility it will be expanded to three concerts next year.

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Before then, the sand stretched almost up to where Fenwick Road is now.

It was during 1962 when Osborne literally "moved up" from his basement PX operation to his own independent shop in the Chamberlin. Few locations could have been more ideal for a 40-year-old who thought nothing of showing up at 3 a.m. for a few hours of fishing before starting work. The new locale also put him right next door to the post headquarters buildings where much of his higher-ranking clientele worked. Directly across the street from Continental Park, he also had a front row seat for salutes, changes of command and other historical ceremonies.

"Here's a good one," Osborne said, temporarily halting his pursuit of scrapbook history. With a slight rise in his somewhat gravelly voice, he identified a newspaper article that appeared in an August 1966 edition of the "Casemate Chronicle."

"This was a hearse," he said. "I went down here to Phoebus bank and told George (he didn't remember his last name) 'I need \$750 right now.' He said, 'what for?' And I said 'I'm going to buy a hearse.' He said, 'what the hell you want with that Duke?' And I said 'I'm going to make a fishing buggy out of it.'"

"So I got it and I had the top painted white so it looked like a convertible; put my fishing sign in the window, and Vera and I had our two air bags and sleeping bags in the back and we traveled all over,"

Osborne said with a tone that now sounded a bit more mischievous. "We had a ball with it."

Not everyone shared Osborne's enthusiasm, though. Many of his fellow workers wouldn't ride with him, and he could count on a call from the post chief of staff's office every time there was an official event or visit scheduled. "They'd always have fun with it telling me I was the only dead person down there and I wasn't going any-



An August 1966 Casemate Chronicle photo shows Richard Osborne behind the wheel of the hearse he converted into a "fishing buggy."

where, so I should move it around back until the thing was over."

Again the scrapbook's pages began to turn.

"There's (Lt. Col. Richard David) Green," he said. "He took an all-American, armed forces tennis team to Russia and beat the hell out of them. Him and I were real good friends."

Lt. Gen. Harvey Fisher; Maj. Gen. James Craven; Gen. Paul Freeman; Maj. Gen. David N. Gray; Generals William E. DePuy, Donn Starry, William Richardson, Frederick

Franks, Jr., John Abrams ... Osborne's book had suddenly become a "who's who" reference for past post, U.S. Army Continental Army Command, and TRADOC commanders and senior leaders. An autographed farewell message accompanied most of the photos. "Sometimes my haircut is the only pleasant break I have all day," wrote Abrams.

Tales of unsuccessful fishing ventures, who

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had the best gun collection, \$1 bets on football games, the poorest golfer, and who smoked the big, stinky cigars are the sorts of things Osborne remembered most about each of the "guys."

"I really didn't want to know what they did at work because it wasn't any of my business," Osborne said. "If they started talking shop, I'd change the subject so we could talk about fishing or something. Maybe that's another reason why they kept coming back. It was a chance to get away from the phones and all that crap."

The pages of a third scrapbook dwindle and Osborne starts sounding a little older and a little more tired. "It just goes on and on and on," he said. "I've got a lot of good letters, a lot of good feelings. And some of it is so old I can't even remember a lot of the names."

The time had finally come for Osborne to reflect on the moment when he learned the Chamberlin, and his barbershop, were about to be closed due to financial turmoil. "When I lost my first wife to cancer, I hurt really bad. And one of the things I remember well is that knot I got right here," he said, making a fist and pushing against the middle of his chest. "That's what it was like for a while."

Osborne locked the door of his shop earlier this year. Since then, he said he has toyed with the idea of opening an off-base shop in the area, but hasn't found a site that's suitable price wise.

"I keep hoping that someone does buy the Chamberlin and reopen the place; it really is a beautiful building," he said. "And I'd be interested in hearing what they'd offer as far as reopening the barber shop. On the other hand, my health isn't as good as it used to be, and that may be a more important consideration. Right now, I can't make up my mind what I'm going to do."

The scrapbook is closed, but not forgotten. And, in a way, Fort Monroe has an important piece of memorabilia by which it can remember one of its oldest community members ... that very same sign which reads, "Going to miss you guys."